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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to full-time equivalent (FTE) obstetricians.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding Obstetrics staffing in your Trust for the financial years 2015/16, until FY 2022/23.*

*The financial year is the period between April 1st to March 31st of the following year (e.g., 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023).
(This is laid out in the attached Excel).*

Please answer the following questions regarding your obstetricians in each financial year, split by grade (as per NHS staffing listed grades) when needed. Ideally, please provide the answers regarding the staffing you had each October, but it can be another month of the year if October is not available.

FY 2022/23

1. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) obstetricians did you have in October?

- a. Consultant -*
- b. Associate Specialist -*
- c. Specialty Doctor -*
- d. Specialty Registrar -*
- e. Core Training -*
- f. Foundation Doctor Year 2 -*
- g. Foundation Doctor Year 1 -*
- h. Staff Grade -*
- i. Other and Local HCHS Doctor Grades -*
- j. Hospital Practitioner / Clinical Assistant -*

2. Did you have a 24/7 consultant obstetrician on call?
3. Was the consultant obstetrician on-call on-site, or were they off-site (e.g., at home)?
4. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) vacancies did you have for consultant obstetricians?
5. What was the expenditure on agency/locum for consultant obstetricians?

Trust response:

1.

Grade	Oct-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22
Consultant	15	15	14	16	17	17	18	18
Associate Specialist								
Specialty Doctor	3	3	4	8	11	12	13	11
Specialty Registrar	23	24	21	21	24	24	29	24
Core Training								
FY2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
FY1								
Staff Grade								
Other and local HCHS Doctor Grades	5				1			2
Hospital Practitioner/Clinical Assistant								

2. Yes

3. On site

4.

Vacancy (Budget less contracted)	Oct-15	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22
	-1.03	0.1	1.08	-0.84	-0.01	-1	-0.29	1.1

5. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foi-responses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Finance dropdown.

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Finance dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information. If the document does not open please copy and paste the link into your browser. Please note the spreadsheet takes some time to download.

This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.